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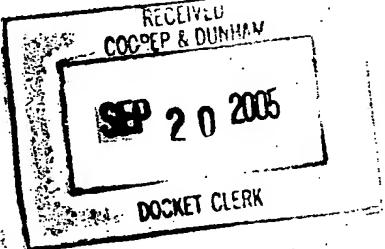
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Title

Encoding/transmission device and encoding/transmission method

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Encoding/Transmitting Apparatus and Encoding/Transmitting Method

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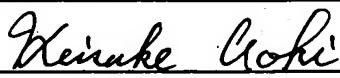
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